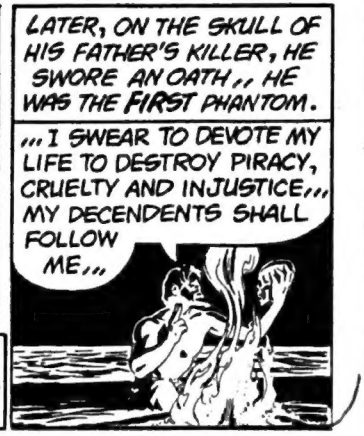
FOR THOSE WHO CAME IN LATE
FOUR CENTURIES AGO, SOLE SURVIVOR OF A PIRATE ATTACK,, FOUND BY FRIENDLY PYGMIES...


LATER, ON THE SKULL OF HIS FATHER'S KILLER, HE SWORE AN OATH,, HE WAS THE FIRST PHANTOM.
...I SWEAR TO DEVOTE MY LIFE TO DESTROY PIRACY, CRUELTY AND INJUSTICE... MY DECENDENTS SHALL FOLLOW ME...

FATHER TO SON,, THE LINE CONTINUES,, MANY BELIEVE HIM THE SAME MAN... IMMORTAL.
PHANTOM,, THE GHOST WHO WALKS.
THE MAN WHO CANNOT DIE...

NOW... OUR PHANTOM,, THE 21ST,, NEMESIS OF EVIL-DOERS EVERYWHERE,, HE WORKS ALONE!
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AT JUNGLE'S EDGE,, COUNTRY CLUB WHERE WILD ANIMALS ROAMED...
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BUT IN DEEP JUNGLE,, THE ANCIENT LAW OF FANG AND CLAW STILL RULES...

SOMETIMES, EVEN THERE, THE MODERN WORLD BREAKS IN...

EDGE OF THE DEEP WOODS ...GUARDED BY FIERCE PYGMY BANDAR,, FEARED BY ALL JUNGLE FOLK...
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(POISON ARROW)... UH. I AM LLONI OF LLONGO,, FRIEND OF PHANTOM,, MUST SEE!

SECRET ENTRANCE ...TO THE LEGENDARY SKULL CAVE ,, HOME OF THE PHANTOM,, THE GHOST WHO WALKS!

EXHAUSTED,, RAN FOR MILES... (PUFF PUFF)
REST, LLONI,, DRINK,, GOOD SPRING WATER,, THEN TELL ME...
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"HUNTING,, NEAR PHANTOM-HEAD... THERE WE SAW...
??!!

"A STRANGE MAN-THING,, BIG AS AN ELEPHANT!"
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"MAN-THING", BIG AS AN ELEPHANT?
YES. WITH MANY WHEELS!
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SEE!
MAN-THING, INDEED,,, BUT WHY HERE?
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THAT IS A BIG TRUCK FOR CARRYING SUPPLIES. NEVER BEFORE SEEN HERE.
NEVER.. WHY NOW?
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WE WILL WAIT AND SEE, LLONI. LISTEN..!

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ON THE GREAT PLAIN NEAR THE PEAK CALLED PHANTOM-HEAD...
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THEY'RE LOADING SUPPLIES OF SOME KIND FROM PLANE TO TRUCK.
NEVER SAW THAT HERE. WHY NOW?

NO LAW AGAINST IT, LLONI, UNLESS THE LOAD IS ILLEGAL.
?!
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MAN-THING WILL GO ON PHANTOM TRAIL IN WAMBESI LAND.

MAYBE SUPPLIES FOR WAMBESI. MAYBE NOT. WE'LL ADVISE THEM, LLONI.
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WAMBESI.. BIG SIX-WHEEL MAN-THING ON TRAIL. STOP AND SEARCH. PHAN-TOM.
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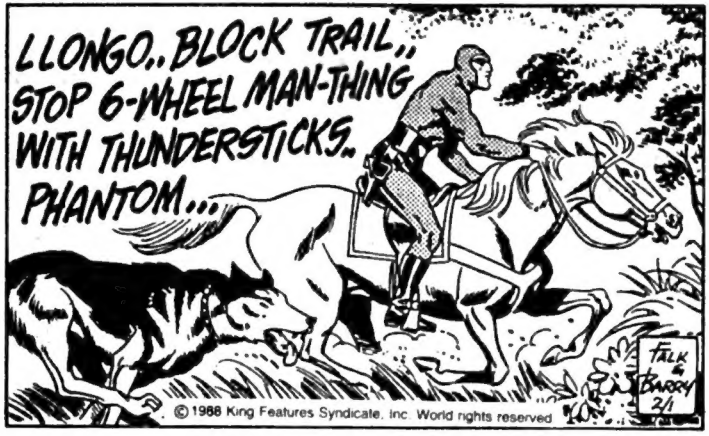
LLONGO.. BLOCK TRAIL.. STOP 6-WHEEL MAN-THING WITH THUNDERSTICKS.. PHANTOM...
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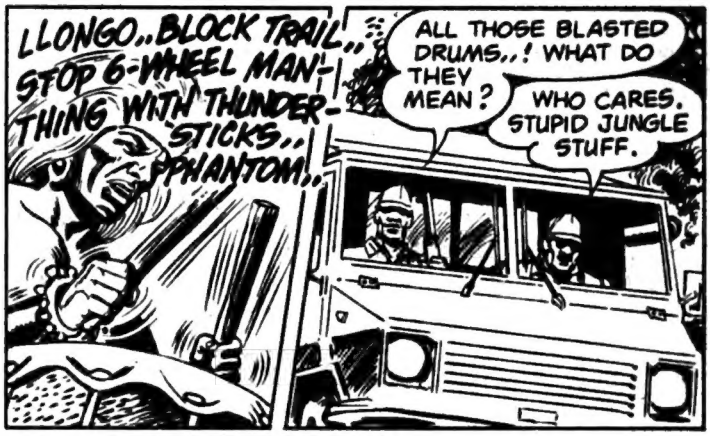
LLONGO.. BLOCK TRAIL.. STOP 6-WHEEL MAN-THING WITH THUNDER-STICKS.. PHANTOM..
ALL THOSE BLASTED DRUMS..! WHAT DO THEY MEAN?
WHO CARES. STUPID JUNGLE STUFF.

SHOOTING STUPID...
HAD TO BE DONE..
PLANE.. WATCHING US.
YEAH.. MAKING SURE WE DON'T TAKE OFF WITH THE STUFF.
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WHAT A ROAD.. BUMPY.. WOW!
THEY SAID IT'D BE TOUGH ..HEY... AHEAD!
LLONGO ROADBLOCK!

ON THE PHANTOM TRAIL...
HEY... MOVE THOSE ✕!X#6! ELEPHANTS OUT OF THE WAY!
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NOT MOVING.
THEY'RE BLOCKING US.. ON PURPOSE!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT!
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THUNDERSTICK! FALL!
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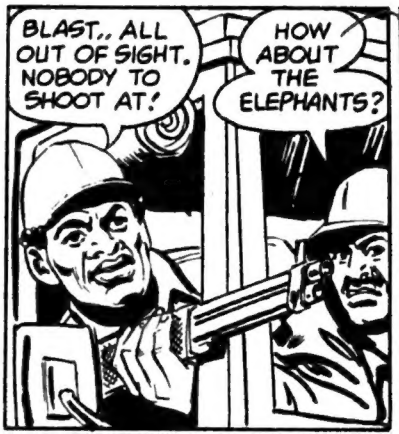
BLAST.. ALL OUT OF SIGHT. NOBODY TO SHOOT AT!
HOW ABOUT THE ELEPHANTS?

NOT FAR NOW.

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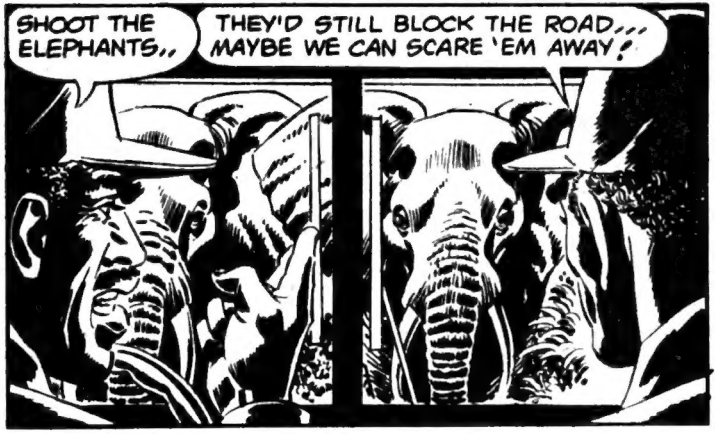

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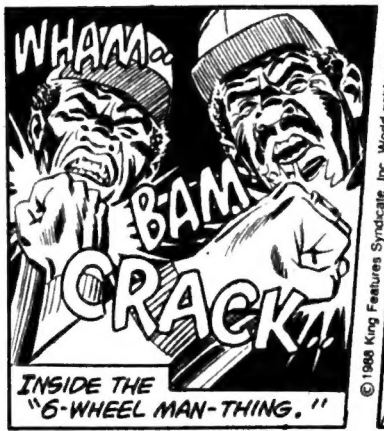

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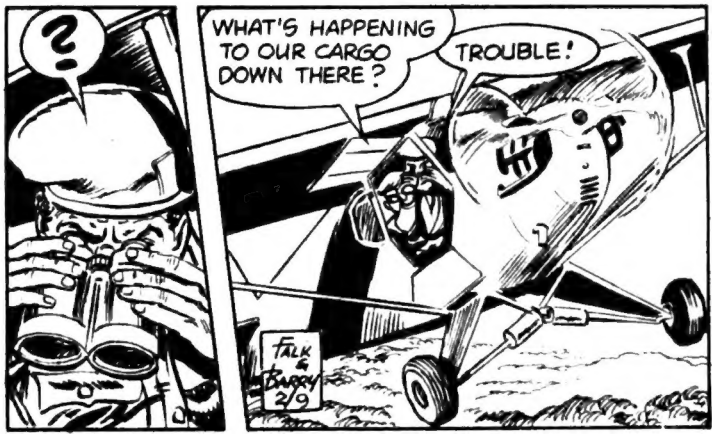

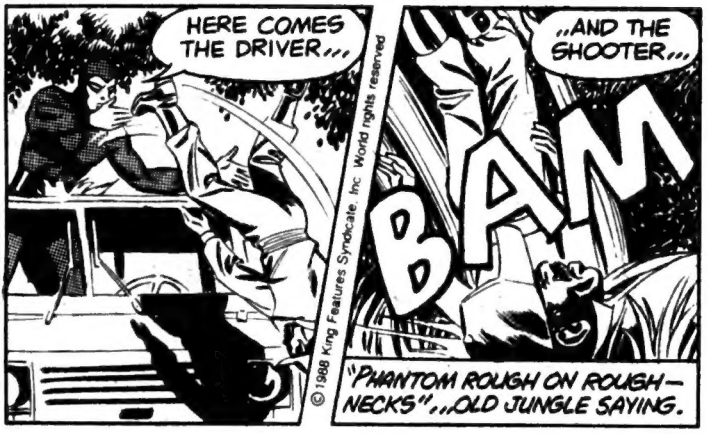
HERE COMES THE DRIVER...
...AND THE SHOOTER...
BAM
"PHANTOM ROUGH ON ROUGH-NECKS"...OLD JUNGLE SAYING.
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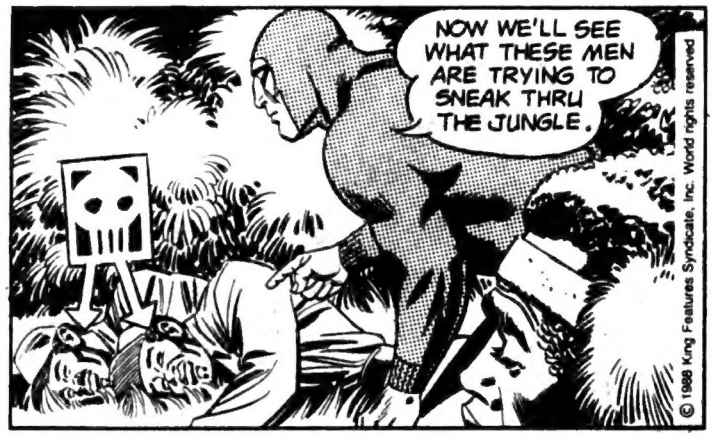
AND HERE IS THE THUNDERSTICK!
PHAN-TOM
PHAN-TOM


NOW WE'LL SEE WHAT THESE MEN ARE TRYING TO SNEAK THRU THE JUNGLE.
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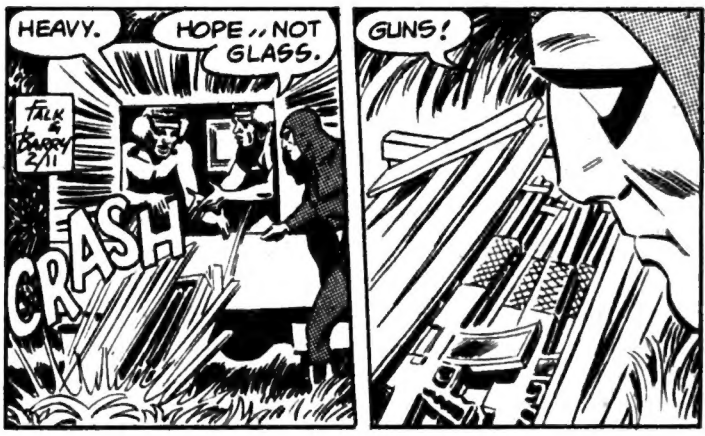
HEAVY.
HOPE...NOT GLASS.
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CRASH
GUNS!

CARGO OF THE 6-WHEEL MAN-THING...MACHINE GUNS, GRENADES, AMMO... SMUGGLED THRU THE JUNGLE? FOR WHOM?
WHEN THOSE MEN COME TO...WE'LL FIND OUT!
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LOOK...ON JAWS...MARK OF PHANTOM!
WHEN PHANTOM HITS... THEY STAY HIT... LONG TIME.
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THEY STILL SLEEP. YOU HIT HARD, PHANTOM.
GUNRUNNERS...KILLERS. SMUGGLING WEAPONS THRU THE JUNGLE... FOR WHOM?
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THOSE WATCHERS... THEY KNOW!
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WHAT'S WITH OUR CARGO?
STOPPED...BY A MASKED MAN. MAYBE A HIJACKER!

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THE SMUGGLERS...
FIRST.. HOW DID YOU GET THE TRUCK INTO THE JUNGLE?
WE..
DON'T TELL HIM THAT!
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TELL!
UH.. YES...
"WE CAME ACROSS LAKE FROM TARASHIMA..."
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"WE LAND ON BANGALLA SHORE FROM TARASHIMA... OTHER TRUCKS ALSO THERE."

"WE WAIT ON PHANTOM-HEAD PLAIN FOR AIRPLANE.. TO BRING CARGO..."
FALK & BARRY 2/20

MORE TRUCKS? MORE SMUGGLING! SOUNDS LIKE A WAR! WHO HIRED YOU?
WE DON'T KNOW.. HIS NAME...
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FOR THOSE WHO CAME IN LATE...
?
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WHILE THE PHANTOM PUZZLES OVER SMUGGLED WEAPONS IN THE JUNGLE...

.. A LITTLE HISTORY: FIRST... A WAR FREEING BANGALLA FROM COLONIALISM...
DR. LAMANDA LUAGA... FIRST PRESIDENT OF BANGALLA...
LUAGA
LUAGA
PRESIDENT
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FOR THOSE WHO CAME IN LATE...
LUAGA
LUAGA
LUAGA
PRESIDENT
BANGALLA, FREED FROM COLONIALISM.. BECOMES A DEMOCRACY... ITS FIRST PRESIDENT.. DR. LUAGA...

NOT ALL WERE HAPPY.. INCLUDING GENERAL BABABU.
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DEMOCRACY, PHOOEY!
HEAR! HEAR!
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FOR THOSE WHO CAME IN LATE..CONT'D...
I AM THE LAW!
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A MILITARY REVOLT OVERTHROWS THE YOUNG BANGALLA DEMOCRACY...

BUT A POPULAR CIVILIAN UPRISING RESTORES DEMOCRACY...
LUAGA.. LUAGA..
FREEDOM...

DEFEATED..THEY WAIT THEIR CHANCE TO COME BACK..SOMEDAY...
!@#X!#
!*@#!
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HOW MANY MORE TRUCKS LIKE THIS WAITING TO SMUGGLE MORE WEAPONS?
...FIFTEEN.
SHH!

FIFTEEN? ENOUGH FOR A WAR! WHO PAID? WHO'LL GET THESE WEAPONS?
COLONEL...
TELL!
SHHH..ER... COLONEL ONORD..
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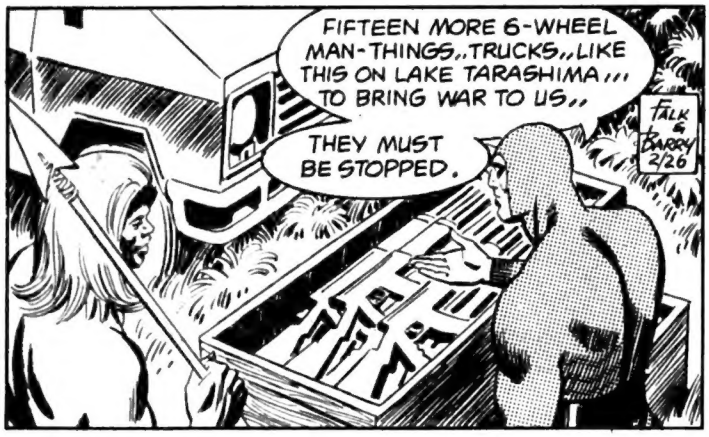
FIFTEEN MORE 6-WHEEL MAN-THINGS..TRUCKS..LIKE THIS ON LAKE TARASHIMA... TO BRING WAR TO US..
THEY MUST BE STOPPED.
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HOW CAN WE? THEY HAVE THUNDERSTICKS THAT BRING DEATH.
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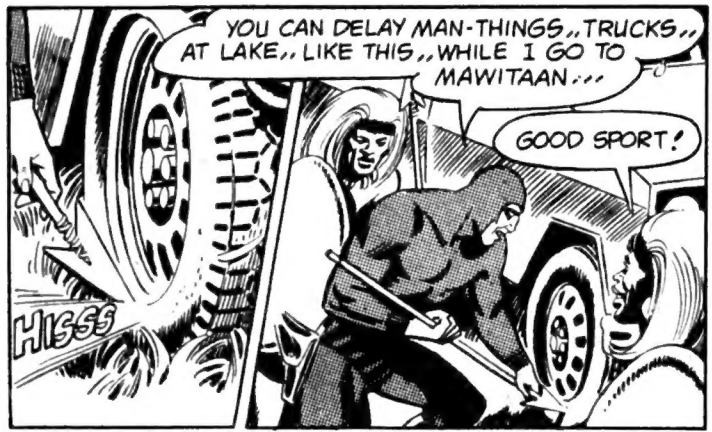
WE NEED TIME. YOU CAN DELAY THEM.. LIKE THIS!
HISSS


YOU CAN DELAY MAN-THINGS..TRUCKS.. AT LAKE.. LIKE THIS..WHILE I GO TO MAWITAAN...
GOOD SPORT!
HISSS

..TO FIND COLONEL ONORD...AND LEARN WHO WANTS WAR IN BANGALLA!
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WAIT.. WHAT ABOUT US?

YOU KILLED TWO WAMBESI IN COLD BLOOD. YOU WILL GO WITH THESE WARRIORS.
!!??
WITH-- THEM?
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NO.. TAKE US TO THE CITY!
CITY LAW!
SO YOUR COLONEL ONORD'S LAWYERS CAN GET YOU OFF? NO.. YOUR CRIMES WERE HERE.. IN THE JUNGLE.
TOMORROW: MARK OF THE PHANTOM.
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SEE.. ON EVIL MEN. MARK OF PHANTOM.
??
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IT.. DOESN'T .. COME OFF!
IT WILL NEVER COME OFF.
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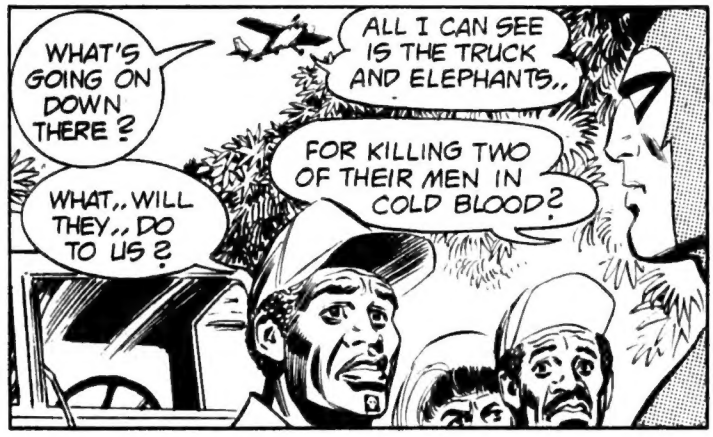
WHAT'S GOING ON DOWN THERE?
ALL I CAN SEE IS THE TRUCK AND ELEPHANTS..
WHAT.. WILL THEY.. DO TO US?
FOR KILLING TWO OF THEIR MEN IN COLD BLOOD?

YOU WILL RECEIVE JUNGLE JUSTICE.
!!
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NOW.. WE REMOVE ALL THE THUNDERSTICKS* FROM MAN-THING.**
*RIFLES.. **TRUCK.

HIDE THEM. GUARD THEM. LET NONE BE TAKEN.
IT WILL BE DONE, O GHOST WHO WALKS.
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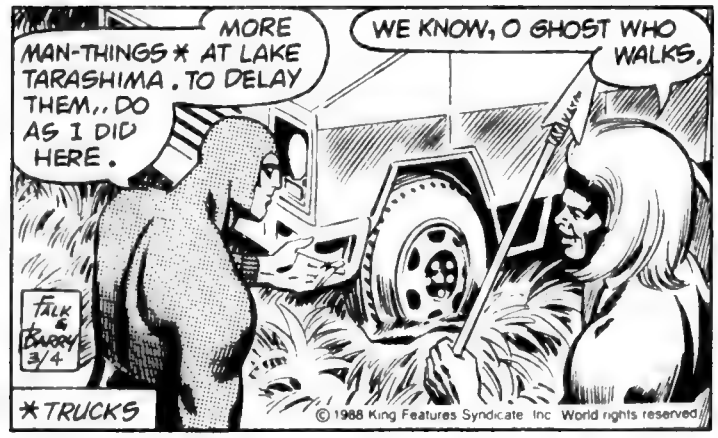
MORE MAN-THINGS * AT LAKE TARASHIMA. TO DELAY THEM,, DO AS I DID HERE.
WE KNOW, O GHOST WHO WALKS.
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*TRUCKS
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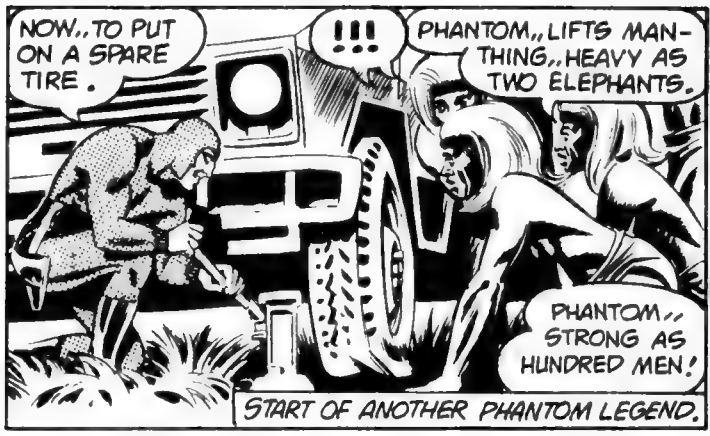
NOW,, TO PUT ON A SPARE TIRE.
!!!
PHANTOM,, LIFTS MAN-THING,, HEAVY AS TWO ELEPHANTS.
PHANTOM,, STRONG AS HUNDRED MEN!
START OF ANOTHER PHANTOM LEGEND.

CLEAR THE ROAD,, WE'RE ON OUR WAY.

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PHAN-TOM
PHAN-TOM
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GOODBYE,, NEXT STOP,, MAWITAAN,, AND THE MYSTERIOUS COLONEL ONORD.
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THE TRUCK'S MOVING. THEY GOT THROUGH!
GOOD! RADIO THE COLONEL!
PHAN-TOM... PHAN-TOM...
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I'M RADIOING THE COLONEL NOW.
PLANE'S STILL UP THERE,, SPYING FOR WHOM?
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FIRST TRUCK MOVING, SIR. OVER.
GOOD. RETURN TO BASE. I'LL ADVISE THE LAKE. OVER.

I'M RECEIVING YOU, COLONEL ONORD.
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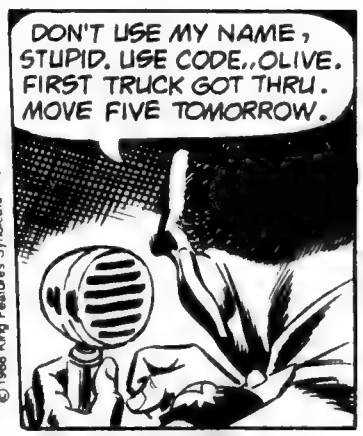
DON'T USE MY NAME, STUPID. USE CODE,, OLIVE. FIRST TRUCK GOT THRU. MOVE FIVE TOMORROW.

THEY SAID THIS TRUCK GOES TO A WAREHOUSE OUTSIDE MAWITAAN. AN UNKNOWN GROUP,,,
,, HEADED BY A MYSTERIOUS COLONEL ONORD. WHY ARE THEY SMUGGLING RIFLES, DEVIL ?

A FEW THOUSAND MORE RIFLES WAITING AT LAKE TARASHIMA,, FOR WHAT ?,, HOPE THE WAMBESI GET THERE IN TIME.
SNAP..
CREAK..!
SNAP..
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AT LAKE TARASHIMA...
WE GOT THE ORDER. TOMORROW WE ROLL,, ALL FIVE TRUCKS...

,,TO THE FIELD WHERE WE MEET THE PLANE AND GET THE CARGO! GUNS! AMMO!"
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NIGHT. ON THE SHORE OF LAKE TARASHIMA...
ZZZ,, ZZZ...
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HISSS..
HISSS..

MORNING,, AT LAKE TARASHIMA...
EVERY *!GH* TIRE,, FLAT! THIRTY TIRES,, GASHED,,!
???
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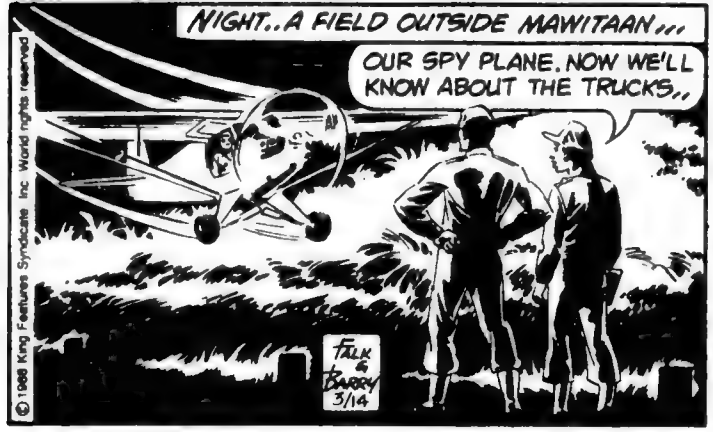
WHO,, DID IT,,?!
,,OR,, WHAT ? A LION!,, A BIG,, MONKEY,, ?


NIGHT.. A FIELD OUTSIDE MAWITAAN...
OUR SPY PLANE. NOW WE'LL KNOW ABOUT THE TRUCKS..
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FIRST TRUCK IS DUE HERE IN AN HOUR, COLONEL ONORD
"UH...
SLAP
FOOL! NEVER USE MY NAME!

USE "CODE OLIVE". HASN'T THAT SUNK IN YET, DUMMY?
ER.. YES, SIR!

TRUCK NUMBER ONE DUE IN AN HOUR. AND THE OTHER FIVE?
STILL AT THE LAKE.. COLONEL.. ER.. CODE OLIVE.
STILL AT THE LAKE?!
FALK & BARRY 3/15

THOSE FIVE SHOULD BE MOVING NOW!
NO WAY, COLONEL.. I MEAN.. CODE OLIVE...

ALL OUR TRUCKS HAVE FLATS.. THIRTY FLATS...
YOU HAVE.. WHAT?!
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YOUR TRUCKS HAVE 30 FLAT TIRES. SO.. PUMP THEM UP!
CAN'T, SIR. NOT JUST FLAT. SLASHED.. RUINED.
LIONS? MONKEY? FOOL. IT'S SABOTAGE! WHO DID IT?
LAST NIGHT. WE THINK A LION DID IT.. OR A BIG MONKEY!
BANG

WHO DID IT?
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FLY THESE TRUCK TIRES TO THE LAKE.
WE'LL
COLONEL, OUR LITTLE PLANE CAN'T CARRY THIS LOAD.
FALK & BARRY 3/17

BLAST! MORE DELAYS! WHEN THE FIRST TRUCK ARRIVES WITH CARGO. SEND IT BACK WITH TIRES!

MEANWHILE.. THE "FIRST TRUCK"...
TOMMA, TAKE CARE OF HERO. DEVIL AND I HAVE BUSINESS IN TOWN.. WITH ONE COLONEL ONORD!
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THE FIRST TRUCK, COLONEL,, WITH THE WEAPONS!
AT LAST! UNLOAD THEM,, THEN LOAD THE TIRES FAST!
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WHY ARE THEY STOPPING THERE! GO OUT. TELL THEM TO BRING THE TRUCK HERE!
FALK & BARRY 3/18

DRIVER,, THE COLONEL SAID,, UH...
CRACK
DEVIL,, WE'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT HE SAID.

I TOLD THE PILOT,, TO TELL THE DRIVERS TO BRING THE TRUCK HERE. WHAT'S THE DELAY?
MAYBE,, RAN OUT OF GAS, COLONEL...

!6#!,, ONE DELAY AFTER ANOTHER!
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PILOT,,?!
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WHAT,, HAPPENED TO THE PILOT?
AND WHERE ARE THE TWO DRIVERS?
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NOT HERE! SEE IF THE WEAPONS CARGO IS IN THE TRUCK!

COLONEL,, THE TRUCK'S EMPTY!
??*! #6*!
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WHAT IS THIS? RIFLES AND AMMO ...GONE!
THE TWO DRIVERS,, GONE! PILOT KNOCKED OUT,,!?
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COLONEL,, LOOK,, ON PILOT'S JAW,,!

SKULL MARK...
DEATH'S HEAD...
SIGN OF THE PHANTOM.

COLONEL,, THAT DEATH'S HEAD,, ON THE PILOT?!
A BIRTHMARK. DIDN'T NOTICE IT BEFORE,,,
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BUT THIS,, IS CRAZY! OUR TRUCK ARRIVES. EMPTY,, TWO DRIVERS GONE,, PILOT SLUGGED,,,

COLONEL,, MY GUESS IS,, THE TWO DRIVERS SLUGGED THE PILOT,, TOOK OFF WITH THE RIFLES,,,
MAKES NO SENSE. WAKE UP THE PILOT!

IS HE,, DEAD?
NO. JUST OUT! WHOEVER HIT HIM,, HIT HARD!
"PHANTOM FIST LIKE BATTLE-AXE",, OLD JUNGLE SAYING.

COLONEL,, I DON'T THINK THAT DEATH'S HEAD IS A BIRTHMARK. I THINK,,,
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU THINK,,,

OUR FIRST JOB IS TO LOAD THE TIRES,, AND GET THEM TO THE LAKE ,, SO THE FIVE TRUCKS CAN MOVE! I WANT ACTION!
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COLONEL,, ABOUT THAT DEATH'S HEAD,,,
FORGET THAT BLASTED BIRTH-MARK! GET TWO MEN TO LOAD THESE TIRES ON THE TRUCK,,,

,,AND DRIVE THEM TO THE LAKE SO THE OTHER TRUCKS CAN MOVE AND BRING THE WEAPONS!

COLONEL,, ALL THESE TIRES,, FLAT,, SLASHED!
?!
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EVERY *!@#! TIRE SLASHED,,, LIKE AT THE LAKE,, ALL THIRTY!
,,, AND,, COLONEL,,, LOOK NEAR THE SLASHES,,,
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,,,THE DEATH'S HEAD,, JUST LIKE,, ON PILOT'S JAW!
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?!
?!

SKULL MARK ON THE PILOT ?! ON THE SLASHED TIRES ?!!
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SABOTEURS,, TRAITORS IN OUR RANKS! TRYING TO RUIN MY PLANS!
BUT WHO, COLONEL ONORD ?

NONE OF US. IT IS,, SOMEONE,, ELSE...
SOMEONE ELSE ? WHO ?
FALK & BARRY 3/28

COLONEL ONORD,, THOSE MARKS ON THE PILOT,, AND THE SLASHED TIRES...
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THEM, CAPTAIN ?
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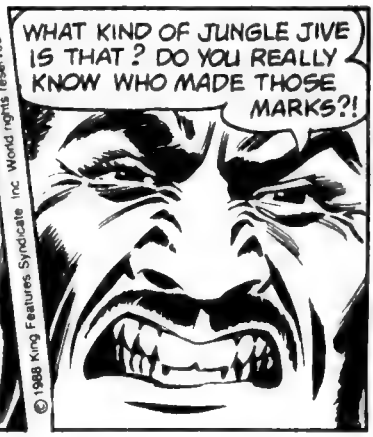
THAT,, IS SIGN OF,, THE PHANTOM,, THE GHOST WHO WALKS!


WHAT KIND OF JUNGLE JIVE IS THAT ? DO YOU REALLY KNOW WHO MADE THOSE MARKS?!
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COLONEL ONORD, YOU WERE RAISED IN THE CITY,, IN FOREIGN COLLEGES...
I AM WAMBESI,, JUNGLE-BRED...
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OUT THERE, WE KNOW THAT MARK,, PHANTOM IS REAL! IF HE IS AFTER US,, OUR REVOLUTION IS FINISHED!

TIE THIS MAN. THEN TAKE HIM INTO THE WOODS AND SHOOT HIM!
!!

COLONEL ONORD,, DID YOU REALLY MEAN,, SHOOT CAPTAIN JACA ?
YOU HEARD MY ORDER. I NO LONGER TRUST HIM.
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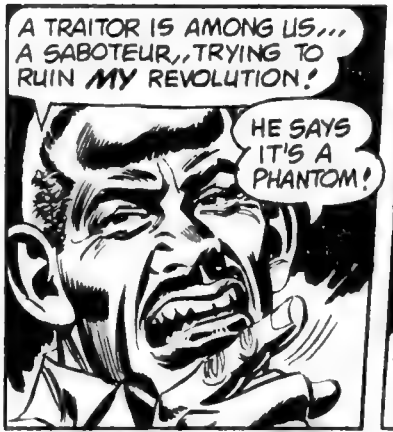
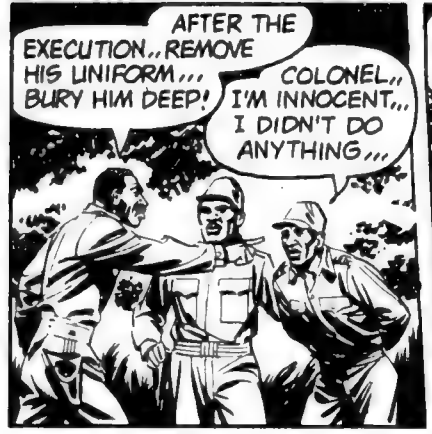

A TRAITOR IS AMONG US... A SABOTEUR,, TRYING TO RUIN MY REVOLUTION!
HE SAYS IT'S A PHANTOM!

USING THAT JUNGLE NONSENSE TO COVER HIMSELF! HE IS THE TRAITOR. SHOOT HIM!


AFTER THE EXECUTION.. REMOVE HIS UNIFORM... BURY HIM DEEP!
COLONEL.. I'M INNOCENT... I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING...

DID YOU THINK YOU COULD FOOL ME WITH THAT STUPID PHANTOM TALK?

TELL MY BROTHER... TELL MY FAMILY... I'M INNOCENT... LET ME.. GO...
I.. HAVE MY ORDERS, JACA.
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HOW CAN ONORD DO THIS TO ME? FOR NOTHING! HE'S CRAZY...!
HE'S OUR LEADER... I CAN'T HELP YOU. SORRY...
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LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH...

!
BAM

!
BAM

?!

YOU.. YOU SAVED MY LIFE. WHO.. WHO ARE YOU?
YOU WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT ME.
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PHAN-TOM!
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I-I BELIEVE YOU EXISTED.. I.. I WASN'T REALLY SURE...
SKIP THAT, CAPTAIN. TELL ME ABOUT COLONEL ONORD'S REVOLUTION.
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YOUNG OFFICERS. HE PROMISED US BIG PROMOTIONS WHEN WE TAKE OVER.
TAKE OVER THE COUNTRY?

WHAT ABOUT PRESIDENT LUASA?
TO BE... ASSASSINATED...

YOU WANT TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT LUAGA?
NOT.. ME. I LIKE HIM. HE'S WONDERFUL... BUT...
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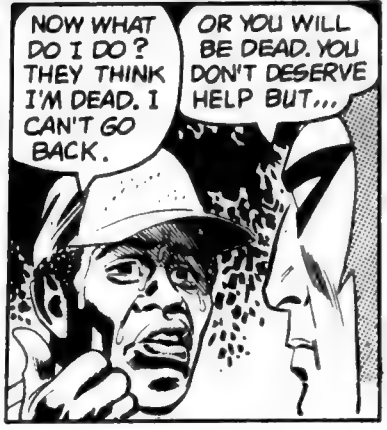
I WAS PART OF THIS GROUP.. THEY PLAN THIS .. IF I DON'T GO ALONG.. I AM SUSPECT.. THEY KILL ME...


NOW WHAT DO I DO? THEY THINK I'M DEAD. I CAN'T GO BACK.
OR YOU WILL BE DEAD. YOU DON'T DESERVE HELP BUT...

NO SYMPATHY, JACA. YOU WERE READY TO KILL PRESIDENT LUAGA ... ONE OF THE FINEST MEN IN THE WORLD!
I.. WAS.. WEAK.
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I MAY NEED YOU. I MAY HELP YOU. HAVE YOU A PLACE TO HIDE?
WITH MY SISTER...

I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU.. UH.. WHERE DID HE GO?

TONIGHT WE EXECUTED A TRAITOR, CAPTAIN JACA. OUR REVOLUTION'S BEEN DELAYED.. NOT STOPPED!

WE'LL END THIS WEAK DEMOCRACY! NO MORE NONSENSE LIKE ELECTIONS, FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND SUCH ROT!
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WE'LL END ALL THAT WHEN WE WIN, WIN, WIN, WIN!
WIN
WIN

A REBEL TAKE-OVER.. KILL LUAGA.. END DEMOCRACY... THAT'S WHAT THE TRUCKS AND GUNS ARE FOR!
BACK TO YOUR BARRACKS.. AWAIT THE SIGNAL FROM ME.
WIN
WIN
WIN
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COLONEL ONORD.. (SNIFF-SNIFF) WAS IT NECESSARY.. TO KILL.. MY BROTHER?
DO YOU QUESTION MY COMMAND? STOP SNIVELLING AND MOVE!
?
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SOB,,SOB,,UH,,!
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YOU ARE THE BROTHER OF CAPTAIN JACA,, THE MAN "EXECUTED",,
YES (SOB) YES. BUT WHO,,,

STOP YOUR CAR HERE,, UNTIL THE OTHERS ARE GONE.
?!

MY BROTHER,,NO TRAITOR. NO RIGHT (SOB) TO KILL HIM. COLONEL ONORD,,CRAZY!
NATURALLY,, HE'S PRACTICING TO BE A DICTATOR.
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ALSO,,YOUR BROTHER IS NOT DEAD.
IMPOSSIBLE,,COLONEL ORDERED HIS EXECUTION.
ORDERS,,GET LOST. HE'S ALIVE AND WELL,,

,,MORE THAN YOU'LL BE IF YOU REVEAL WHAT I'VE TOLD YOU.
WHO ARE YOU?

START DRIVING SLOWLY. I'VE TOLD YOU YOUR BROTHER'S ALIVE. I SAVED HIM.
YOU? WHO,,, WHO ARE YOU, MASKED MAN?
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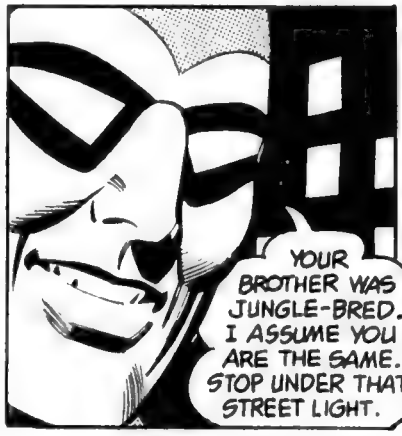
YOUR BROTHER WAS JUNGLE-BRED. I ASSUME YOU ARE THE SAME. STOP UNDER THAT STREET LIGHT.

PHAN-TOM!

PHANTOM,,AND,,DEVIL!
NOW,,SILENCE ABOUT ME,,AND YOUR BROTHER. GOT IT? IF YOU TALK,,,
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,,,I'LL COME AND GET YOU. NOW,,TAKE OFF YOUR JACKET AND CAP.
??

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BANGALLA PRESIDENTIAL PALACE...
LIEUTENANT XZX*Z TO SEE PRESIDENT LUAGA.
HUH? DRUNK! BACK TO YOUR BARRACKS, LIEUTENANT. GO TO BED.
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SORRY.. NOT SLEEPY...
CRASH
??!!
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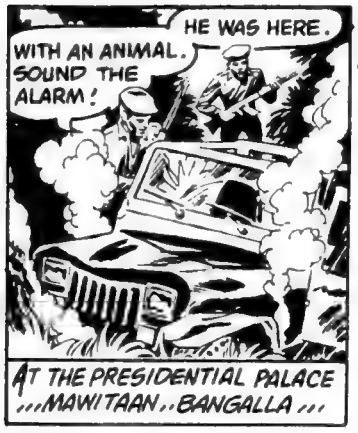
BANG
BANG
KRAK

GONE!


HE WAS HERE.
WITH AN ANIMAL. SOUND THE ALARM!
AT THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE ...MAWITAAN.. BANGALLA ...

RINNGG
?

RINNGGG
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PRESIDENT LUAGA...
RINNGGG...
THE ALARM, SERGEANT?
OFFICER IN MILITARY CAR.. CRASHED THRU THE GATES.

MUST BE DRUNK.. OR ANXIOUS TO SEE ME.
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OR, SIR.. AN ASSASSIN!

ASSASSINS DON'T CRASH THRU GATES. THEY COME ON TIPTOES.
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"PHANTOM MOVES SILENT AS BIG CAT".. OLD JUNGLE SAYING.

HAVE THEY CAUGHT THE GATE-CRASHER?
NOT YET, SIR. ER,, HE HAD A BIG DOG WITH HIM.
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WHAT KIND OF BIG DOG?
ER,, THEY SAID ,, IT LOOKED LIKE A WOLF.

SERGEANT, CALL OFF THE SEARCH AT ONCE!
I,, BEG PARDON, SIR?
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CALL OFF THE SEARCH, SIR? THE DRUNKEN OFFICER,, OR ASSASSIN, MAY STILL BE ON THE GROUNDS.
DO AS I SAY, SERGEANT. GO!

GOOD GUESS, LAMANDA.
I DON'T KNOW ANY-ONE ELSE WHO TRAVELS WITH A WOLF.
YOU MUST HAVE A GOOD REASON TO CRASH THRU OUR GATES.
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WHAT'S IMPORTANT ENOUGH,, TO CRASH THRU OUR GATES AT MIDNIGHT?
A REVOLUTION.
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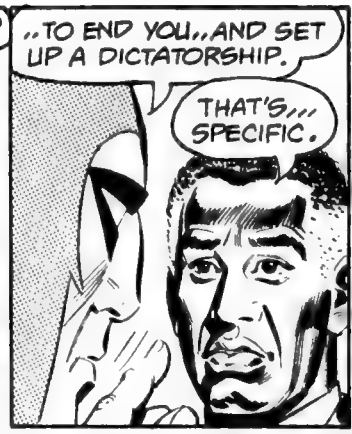
PRESIDENT LAMANDA LUAGA...

COULD YOU BE MORE SPECIFIC?
A PLOT BY OFFICERS IN YOUR ARMY..
,, TO END YOUR DEMOCRACY...


,, TO END YOU,, AND SET UP A DICTATORSHIP.
THAT'S,,, SPECIFIC.

HOW DID YOU KNOW OF THIS ARMY REVOLT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE JUNGLE?
CALL THE CHIEF OF STAFF. ASK HIM TO REPORT HERE AT ONCE.

THAT'S WHERE THE WEAPONS ARE COMING FROM,, TONS OF THEM...
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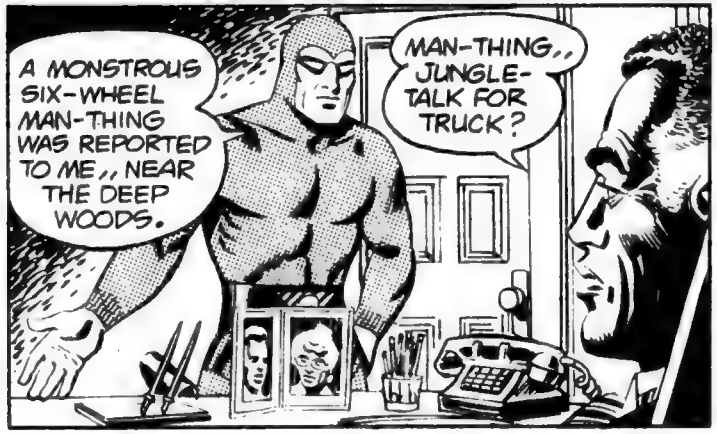
ENOUGH TO SUPPLY A SMALL ARMY. PART OF YOURS!
WHO? WHY?


A MONSTROUS SIX-WHEEL MAN-THING WAS REPORTED TO ME,, NEAR THE DEEP WOODS.
MAN-THING,, JUNGLE-TALK FOR TRUCK?

"NOTHING THIS BIG EVER SEEN BEFORE,"
?!

THERE IT RECEIVED CRATES BY AIR...
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,,TO BE TRUCKED THRU THE JUNGLE,, TO HERE!"

WITH THE HELP OF ELEPHANTS,, WE STOPPED THE FIRST TRUCK,, AND FOUND THE WEAPONS...

FIVE TO FIFTEEN MORE TRUCKS,, WAITING AT LAKE TARASHIMA,, TO DELIVER MORE...

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"WE'VE DELAYED THOSE,, SLASHING THEIR TIRES...
BRILLIANT.
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HISSS
HISSS

AN OFFICER REVOLT,, TO END YOUR DEMOCRACY,, AND,, TO END YOU, LAMANDA.
TERRIBLE! BUT,, WHY?
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AMBITION,, PROMISE OF PROMOTIONS,, BIG JOBS OFFERED IN THE "NEW ORDER"...
WHO HEADS THIS?

AN OFFICER NAMED...
HE'S HERE? GOOD. SEND HIM IN.

MY CHIEF OF STAFF IS COMING TO HEAR THIS. A BRILLIANT YOUNG OFFICER,, MAY SOUND LIKE NEPOTISM... BUT HE EARNED IT...
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,,THE BRIGHTEST MAN IN OUR ARMY... I'M TRAINING HIM TO LEAD THIS COUNTRY SOMEDAY...
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HE'S MY NEPHEW,, MY SISTER'S SON... COLONEL OLA ONORD.
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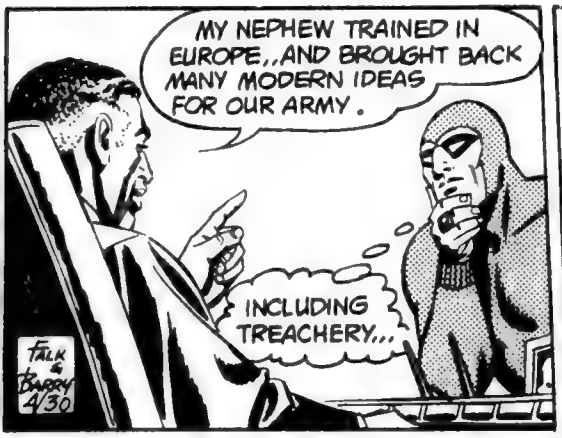

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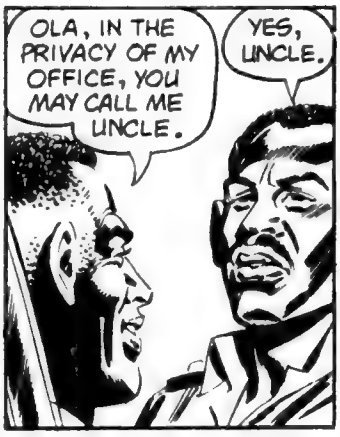

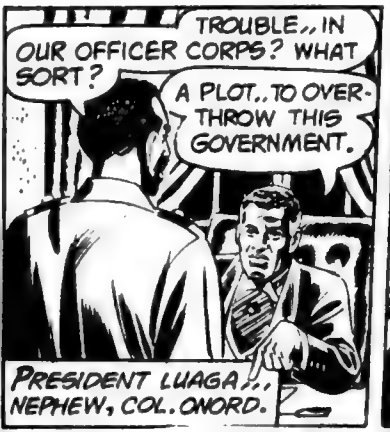

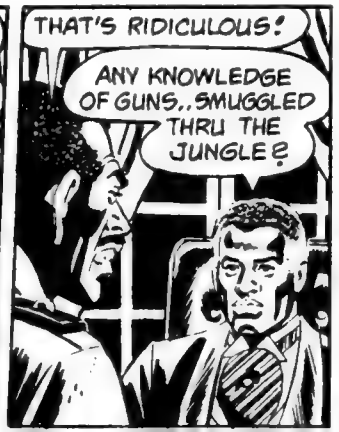

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I'VE GOOD INFORMATION, OLA,, OF A PLOT AMONG YOUNG OFFICERS,, AGAINST OUR COUNTRY,, AGAINST ME.
NONSENSE! LIES!
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I'VE NOT HEARD OF SUCH A THING,, BECAUSE NO PLOT EXISTS!
YOUR HEARING ISN'T VERY GOOD, COLONEL. HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE PHANTOM?

PHANTOM? ,,WHO,,WHAT?,,
PRESIDENT LUAGA,, YOU ASKED ME WHO LEADS THE OFFICER GROUP,,,
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,,SMUGGLING WEAPONS THRU THE JUNGLE TO OVERTHROW THIS DEMOCRACY,, AND YOU.
THE LEADER STANDS BEFORE YOU,, YOUR CHIEF OF STAFF,, COLONEL ONORD!
!
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YOU,, THE LEADER? I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS ABOUT YOU!
YOU CAN'T,, BECAUSE IT'S A LIE, UNCLE.
THERE IS NO REVOLT!
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NO LIE, COLONEL. WE'VE WITNESSES FROM YOUR OWN GANG OF TRAITORS ,,,ONE, CAPTAIN JACA,,,
,,WHOM YOU SENT TO BE KILLED,, BUT HE'S ALIVE,, AND READY TO TESTIFY!
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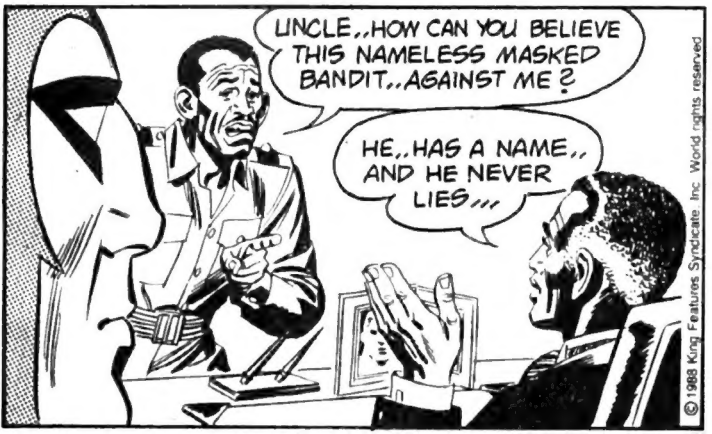
UNCLE,, HOW CAN YOU BELIEVE THIS NAMELESS MASKED BANDIT,, AGAINST ME?
HE,, HAS A NAME,, AND HE NEVER LIES,,,
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THEN WHY WAIT? IT HAD TO COME! WE START,, NOW!
OLA,,!
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COL. ONORD, CHIEF OF STAFF.

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PRESIDENT LUAGA,, COL. ONORD...
YOU WERE MY HEIR. I HOPED YOU'D TAKE MY PLACE ONE DAY. WHY COULDN'T YOU WAIT?
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WAIT? YOU'RE A YOUNG MAN... NOT MUCH OLDER THAN ME. COULD BE A LONG TIME.

I GOT TIRED OF WAITING.
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HE HAS A SMALL BUT VIOLENT FOLLOWING. YOU'LL WANT THEIR NAMES.
NEVER! YOU'LL HAVE TO KILL ME FIRST!
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THAT CAN COME LATER... FIRST,, YOUR LITTLE BLACK BOOK...

BANG
WHO,, WHO ARE YOU?

CHIEF OF STAFF ONORD...
BEHAVE YOURSELF,, AND SO WILL HE.
GET THAT,, THING,, AWAY FROM ME!
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WHO,, WHO ARE YOU?
LOOK AT YOURSELF,,

MARK OF THE PHANTOM!
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THAT MARK! SAME,, AS ON MY PILOT...!
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"SAME MARK,, ON THE SLASHED TRUCK TIRES".

SAME MARK,, ON EMPTY WEAPONS CRATES...
THE SAME!
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I HAD A PERFECT PLAN.. TRUCKS FROM TARASHIMA...

"LOADED WITH WEAPONS FROM ABADABAH..!"
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"SECRETLY DRIVEN THRU THE JUNGLE TO HERE.."

BUT EVERYTHING WENT WRONG! ALWAYS THAT MARK! WHY? WHO?
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EVERYWHERE THAT MARK. RUINED MY PERFECT PLAN FOR.. CONQUEST! A NEMESIS...

YOU.. ALWAYS YOU! WHO.. WHO ARE YOU?
MEN HAVE CALLED ME BY MANY NAMES.
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ONE IS.. PHANTOM.

PHANTOM.. GHOST WHO WALKS! YOU.. ARE REAL! WHY.. DID YOU FIGHT ME?
WHY HELP YOUR UNCLE?
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HE CREATED THIS YOUNG DEMOCRACY.. YOU WANT TO DESTROY IT.. AND HIM. NEED ANY MORE REASONS?
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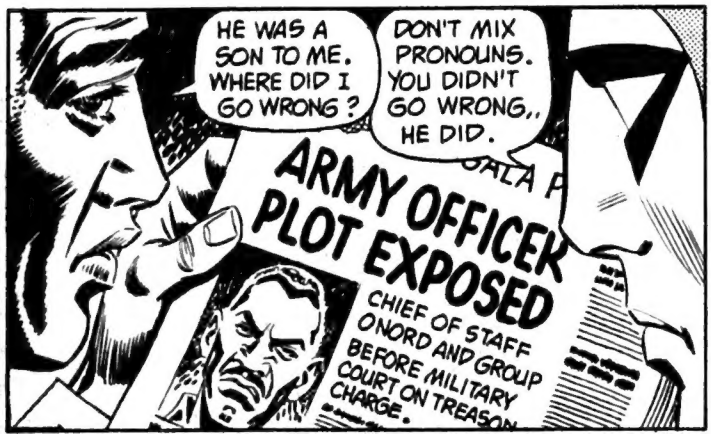
GET HIM.. OUT OF HERE.


HE WAS A SON TO ME. WHERE DID I GO WRONG?
DON'T MIX PRONOUNS. YOU DIDN'T GO WRONG.. HE DID.
ARMY OFFICER PLOT EXPOSED
CHIEF OF STAFF ONORD AND GROUP BEFORE MILITARY COURT ON TREASON CHARGE.

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